Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, August 4, 1884.

The City Council met. Present—Ald. Birrell, Labatt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Skinner, Hewitt, Stringer, Scarrow, Niven.

In the absence of His Worship it was moved by Ald. Beattie, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that Ald. Birrell take the chair.

In amendment Ald. Birrell moved that Ald. Beattie take the chair. Ald. Labatt seconded.

The amendment was carried and Ald. Beattie took the seat, but almost immediately His Worship appeared and assumed the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From W. T. Strong and 196 others, petitioning that the civic holiday be held on the 21st of August.

From James Cowan and 63 others, petitioning for the appointment of the 18th inst.

From John Law, calling attention to the damage done to the fence in front of lot No. 6, south Hill street, since the cutting down of the hill between Grey and Hill streets, and asking that the same be repaired. No. 2.

From Anson Paul and five other ratepayers, petitioning against the construction of the proposed sewer on King street, between Burwell and Colborne. No. 2.

From Mayor Lilley, of London East, stating that Thursday next has been appointed as the civic holiday for that town, and asking that this Council should appoint the same day for the city holiday.

From William Brown, in reference to taxes due by his mother, stating that she had gone to California and promised to send the amount, and asking that the same be charged against the property. No. 1.

From W. W. Fitzgerald, asking for extension of sewer on Talbot street from Albert, to connect with his houses. No. 2.

From Jane Adams, asking for remission of taxes. No. 1.

From Michael Glavin, asking that a frame stable which was being erected by him on the south side of Dufferin avenue east of Colborne street, in ignorance of the by-law, be allowed to remain there. No. 3.

From Chas. Hutchinson, County Crown Attorney, an account for legal services in prosecuting the Whitely and Reeves cases, amounting to $39.15. No. 1:

From Henry Hussey and other ratepayers ,against the construction of a sewer on Grey street. No. 2, with power.

From G. McBroom, secretary of the Western Fair, asking that the Exhibition Grounds be turned over to the Association from the 18th inst., also that they may have power to close the gates during the fair. On motion of Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Scarrow, it was decided that the Grounds be handed over to the Association on the 1st of September.

THE CIVIC HOLIDAY.

Ald. Hewitt moved that the Mayor be requested to name the civic holiday for the 21st inst. Ald. Birrell seconded.

In amendment Ald. Hunt moved that the Mayor be requested to name the civic holiday to be held on the 18th inst.

Ald. Scarrow seconded.

Carried.

A petition from W. J. Carson and others for a gas lamp was referred to No. 3 Committee.

BY-LAWS.

By-laws to provide for the construction of flag stone sidewalks on parts of Dundas and Richmond streets were read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hewitt, chairman, recommending:—

1.—In answer to the London East Council re "Carling's Creek," action deferred pending result of negotiations between the city and Provincial Board of Health.

2.—Communication of Messrs. Kearney & Dwyer, proposing $5 for the time ball. Fyled.

3.—Petition of Charles Morley *et al* for sewer on Richmond street, between Maple and Kent streets, referred to Engineer to advertise and proceed, and in that of James Archer *et al* for sewer on Maitland, between Oxford street and Carling's Creek, action deferred.

4—Recommend for acceptance the tender

of John Donohue for hauling gravel, etc., from the city pit, north of Dundas street—screened and broken, $2.75; unscreened, $2.20; screenings, $2.20; paving stone, $2.50. South of Dundas street—screened and broken, $3.40; unscreened, $2.70; screenings, $2.50; paving stone, $2 50.

On motion of Ald. Hewitt, seconded by Ald. Birrell, the report was adopted.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Birrell, chairman :—

1—Your committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct recommend the same for payment :—

NO. 3 COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNTS.

Hospital—		
W. Hinton	$ 60 25	
Tytler & Bullen	177 88	
James Perkin	130 77	
D. Fraser	2 15	
S. Stewart	61 07	
T. Churcher	36 00	
A. D. Cameron	8 37	
Plastow Bros.	72 85	
E. A. Taylor	16 35	
F. B. Wilkinson	10 07	
C. McCallum	39 54	
S. Cooper	47 81	
Bell Telephone Co.	22 50	
		$685 61
Fire Department—		
Pay sheet	$398 31	
P. J. Flannery	9 80	
E. A. Taylor	5 62	
		$413 73
Market—		
Job Short		$19 25
Street Lamps—		
Gas Company	$1811 32	
Robert Lewis	33 01	
		$1844 33
		$2692 92

NO. 2 COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNTS.

Streets, etc.—		
Pay sheet, July 18th	$ 747 85	
" " " 25th	899 10	
James Wright & Co.	63 28	
		$1710 23
Bridges—		
John Murphy	$ 4 40	
Isaac Crouse	400 00	
		404 40
City Hall—		
H. Colerick		50 00
City Parks—		
Pay sheet, July 18th,	12 38	
" " 25th,	24 14	
		36 52
Police Station—		
W. H. Moorhead		1 25
Incidentals—		
Bates & Cassidy		5 00
		$2207 40

RELIEF ACCOUNTS.

Tytler & Bullen	$ 27 00	
G. McNeil	13 75	
Co Middlesex House of Refuge	574 77	
		615 52

NO. 1 COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNTS.

Stationery—		
Jas. I. Anderson	1 95	
E. A. Taylor	45 46	
		47 41
Administration of Justice—		
Sheriff's charges for March and June quarters	115 50	
Clerk of Peace charges for March and June quarters	127 50	
Court House and gaol maintenance	765 15	
		1008 15
Incidentals—		
M. Curry	2 00	
Peter Murray	12 00	
		14 00
		1069 56
Total		$6855 40

2.—That petition of J. C. Dodd & Sons for exemption from taxation on cigar box factory be fyled.

3.—That petition of J. Alston for remission of dog tax be granted and the amount ordered to be struck off.

4.—That petition of John Arscott for remission of dog tax be fyled.

5.—That petition of Ella Sharman for remission of her brother's income tax be fyled.

6.—That petition of N. F. Paterson, secretary for relief to sufferers by Port Perry fire, be fyled.

7.—Your committee beg to report progress in the petitions of A. Mountjoy, T. S. Hobbs, T. Howard and N. Jeffrey, and the communication of Messrs. Park, Mills & Purdom re County of Middlesex claim for administration of justice prior to 1882.

8.—Your committee have taken into consideration Ald. Becher's motion *re* sale of Exhibition grounds, etc., and beg to report progress.

9.—Your committee beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for month of July.

10.—Your committee beg to submit the auditors' report for the quarter ending June 30th, and would beg to recommend the adoption of the suggestions contained therein.

On motion of Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Beattie, the report was adopted.

CONSTRUCTING SEWERS.

The by-law for construction of a sewer on Talbot street was read. Passed.

A by-law for the construction of a sewer on East Simcoe street was read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

A by-law for the construction of a sewer on East Grey street was read, and with counter petitions referred to No. 2 Committee.

NO. 3 COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Cowan:—

1—That the petition of Alfred Luard and others for a gas lamp on St. James street he recommended to the council to be granted.

2—That the petition of John Suss[illegible] to extend a frame shed in the rear of his blacksmith shop be granted.

3—Your committee would recommend the removal of thirty street lamps as per list of particulars attached, at a cost of $2.50 per lamp, and that all the street lanterns be repainted at a cost of $75.

4—That the chairman of this committee be empowered to advertise for tenders for hospital supplies and fuel for public institutions.

5—Your committee ask a grant of $200 to purchase a cooking range for the hospital.

6—Your committee beg to submit the new market by-law as prepared by the city solicitor.

7—That Inspector Bell be instructed to enforce the by-law respecting temperance licenses.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause..

On clause 1,

Ald. Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Niven, that the chairman of No. 3 Committee be empowered to have a gas lamp erected on the corner of St. James and George streets, also one on the corner of Maitland and South and one on Salter street.

Ald. Birrell moved it be referred to No. 1 to report funds. Carried.

Clause 2 read.

Ald. Scarrow moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the 84th rule be suspended. Carried.

Yeas—Labatt, Cowan, O'Meara, Skinner, Hewitt, Stringer, Scarrow, Niven—8.

Nays—Birrell—1.

The motion of Ald. Stringer for the extra lamps was then taken up.

In addition, Ald. Stringer moved that a lamp be erected at the corner of King and Adelaide streets. Ald. Hewitt seconded.

Upon a vote the original motion was carried as follows:—

Yeas—Cowan, O'Meara, Stringer, Scarrow, Niven, Labatt—6.

Nays—Birrell, Beattie, Hewitt, Skinner—4.

Clause 2 passed.

On Clause 3,

On motion of Ald. Niven, the matter was referred to No. 1 Committee.

Clause 4 adopted.

On clause 5, referred to Committee No. 1.

Clauses 6 and 7 passed, and the report as amended was adopted.

THE MARKET.

The new by-law for the regulation of the market was read by Ald. Cowan, who assumed the chair at the request of Mayor Hyman.

On motion, Mr. Robert Pritchard addressed the Council.

Mr. Pritchard objected strongly to the by-law being passed.

Ald. Hunt moved that the by-law should be read to night a first and second time and the third reading deferred till next meeting, seconded by Ald. Stringer.

Moved by Ald. Beattie, seconded by Ald. Niven, that the by-law be now read a second time.

In further amendment Ald. Scarrow moved that the matter be referred back to No. 3 Committee. Carried.

OXFORD STREET BRIDGE.

A deputation composed of Messrs. D. C. Macdonald, J. D. Saunby, Squire Peters and Alex Harvey were then heard in reference to the delay in the construction of Oxford street bridge, Ald. Niven taking the chair. The deputation advanced various reasons to show why the rebuilding of the bridge should be proceeded with at once.

Mayor Hyman wished it to be understood that no blame was to be attached to the city for the delay. He would move: "That No. 1 Committee be required to provide funds to the extent of five thousand dollars for the purpose of joining with the committee from the County Council for the rebuilding of Oxford street bridge, and further that the Bridge Committee be instructed to endeavor to come to an equitable agreement with the County Committee for the immediate construction of said bridge." He believed the city were not opposed to the bridge, but they were to making the rate over twenty mills.

Ald. Birrell seconded the motion for the same reason.

Ald. Hunt had no doubt the bridge could be completed this year, and asked what of the balance over $2,000. He also enquired as to the assertion of Mr. Macdonald that the county were prepared to pay half the cost of the bridge.

Mr. Macdonald—Their communication is on file here.

Mayor Hyman said he could explain the matter. The city had offered to pay half and the county had also, but their idea of high water mark differed from that of the city.

Ald. O'Meara spoke strongly in favor of having the bridge rebuilt at once.

Mayor Hyman would like to see some amendment made that would be an improvement on his own. He was for the rebuilding of the bridge pure and simple if it could be done for twenty mills, but if not he was opposed to it as incurring high taxation.

Ald. Hewitt believed the onus was all on the county.

Ald. Scarrow thought no blame could be laid on the city. The building of the bridge would cost $15,000, and he said let them face the music at once, and provide for $7,000 or $8,000, or let them lay it over for the year. That was just the position, and the people should know whether they could afford it.

Mayor Hyman—I am willing my motion should be referred to No. 1 Committee to see if they can provide funds.

Ald. Hunt—Make it $5,000.

Mayor Hyman—I can't say if they can do so.

Ald. Cowan thought the Council were pledged to build the bridge this year, and it would be a breach of faith not to do so. It was all very well to speak of the estimates, but he believed they should go on with the work now.

In amendment it was moved by Ald. Cowan, seconded by. Ald. O'Meara, that in compliance with the prayer of the petition signed by a large number of ratepayers asking this Council to proceed with the re-erection of Oxford street bridge, and the County Council having on 21st July last agreed in writing by a communication addressed to this Council to pay one-half the cost of said bridge, that instructions be given to the City Engineer to at once have contracts signed and to proceed with the work in conjunction with the County.

Mayor Hyman: I ask the indulgence of the Council, but I think Ald. Cowan's motion is one the Council can't pass. I am aware that the Council are in a measure pledged to build the bridge this year. I have no doubt all the members of the Council are in favor of rebuilding the bridge if possible, but under the circumstances I think my motion is the best.

The amount in his worship's motion was then changed to $5,000 and a vote was taken, when Ald. Cowan's amendment was lost.

Mayor Hyman : I move that my motion be referred to No. 1 Committee.

Ald. Birrell : I second.

Ald. Hunt : I have another amendment, Your Worship. I move that $5,000 be granted for the rebuilding of the bridge.

Ald Birrell: I ask your ruling, Mr. Chairman. This is an expenditure of money.

Ald. Skinner said this thing seemed child's play to him, and he was in favor of the Mayor's resolution. He asked if Ald. Hunt--in pressing this resolution so much—if No. 1 Committee said they could not raise the money where they were to get it from.

Ald. O'Meara—Such a resolution simply means the filing of the petition.

Several Aldermen : Oh, no.

Ald. Birrell : Your motion is out of order.

Ald. Hunt : Do you rule my motion out of order, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman : I do.

The motion to refer the resolution of His Worship to No. 1 Committee was then carried on the following division :—

Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Skinner, Hewitt, Stringer, Scarrow, Mayor Hyman—8.

Nays—O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan—3.

On a vote, the Council adjourned for three weeks.